

REMARKS

Applicant would like to first thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview and would like to apologize for the failure to timely respond, with the result that this Office Action was issued by the Examiner. In any event, Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the telephonic interview with the Examiner, the claims presented above should be allowable.

Applicant has amended claims 1 and 2. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Mabuchi et al.

In view of the telephonic interview with the Examiner wherein the differences between the prior art and Applicant's invention were numerated by both the Examiner and Applicant, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element of claims 1-6 is not found in Mabuchi et al. and claims 1-6 are not anticipated thereby.

In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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